

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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Be Thou An Example Of The Believers

OVERCOMERS

S. F. Beard

Text, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Rev. 12:11.

As we look about us we see many religions, each one portraying their good virtues, and each just as anxious to hide their bad; and each have their good and evil. The religion of the Lord Jesus Christ is unlike that of any other for it has no bad qualities. His religion is an overcoming religion.

The deplorable fact is that many who profess the religion of Christ are not overcomers. The fact remains equally as forcible that all who possess the religion of Christ can overcome every opposition that comes their way.

To overcome we must follow the advice given us in the book of Hebrews (12:1,2), Lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. So many in the little trial of their faith do as did Peter of old, get their eyes upon the waves and wind and sink beneath the temptation of life.

Let us notice what we must overcome. 1st Peter 5:8 says that our adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. I get a picture of the devil like a lion that is hungry and walking about seeking a meal. The lion, hungry, does not go out seeking any particular animal, but falls upon the first one that is not fleetly or cunning enough to get away from him and devours it. So the devil is not particular about which one of us he wants, either one or all of us will suit him, if he can get us into his clutches.

There is one characteristic the lion has that the devil does not have. That is when a lion is opposed he will fight to the bitter end, but when a child of God opposes the devil, he takes to his heels and flees. The ninth verse of 1st Peter fifth chapter says, "Whom (the devil) resisteth steadfast in the faith." He will bristle up and make a big bluff, but the child of God has two weapons that he fears: namely, the blood of Christ, and the Word of God. Use them freely when the devil comes against you and see how quickly the devil leaves you to yourselves and to the comfort that angels will bring you.

Then we have to overcome supernatural depravity, supernatural malice, supernatural plots, or supernatural sins, above the sky, in all places where we are exposed to infamy, and where we are made a public example and put to an open shame; or as we read it, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph. 6:12.

The devil is up there above the sky, and he is accusing the brethren before our God day and night, and is exposing them to an open shame and so forth, until Rev. 12:9 is fulfilled, when (thank God) he will be cast out and we shall not have anyone to accuse us any more. But while we wait for that blessed time we must continue to wrestle against such accusations as he will bring against us and prove ourselves to be like Job, "A righteous man who fears God, and eschews evil."

Not only do we have to overcome those accusations the devil brings against us before our God but we must overcome the world or that place or sphere in which we now live. That is, we must not be partakers of the wickedness of this present world. The wickedness of this world is great in extreme, but it is never so great but what we may overcome by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony. First John fifth chapter tells us that the one that believeth on Christ overcometh the world by faith. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." So if we have the substance of those things for which we hope and have the evidence of those things we have not seen within our breast, we shall be overcomers of the beggarly elements of the sphere in which we now live.

Next we shall consider how to overcome. Many say, I would have overcome had I known how; or I did the best I could, but I could not hold out. Say, my friend, there is no such thing as holding out. We may hold fast our profession of faith, but we are to let

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Good Prospects For Church

THOMASVILLE, Ala.—May God bless all is our prayer. We praise God for the way He blessed us at Forestdale, Ala. schoolhouse. We went there on Thanksgiving night with only one there with the Holy Ghost. We had a successful revival there. We cannot tell how many were blessed, but sixteen received the Holy Ghost and we see prospects for more to get the blessing. This place is only nine miles from Thomasville, Ala. We gave opportunity for membership and eleven came into the church at Thomasville. We thank the Lord for these precious souls. There is also good prospects for a church to be set in order.

We thank the Lord for sending Brother and Sister Hamby here as our pastor. We feel God will give us a wonderful year here as He has blessed in a wonderful way in every service. We ask an interest in all your prayers for the Church of God in Thomasville. —Your brother in Christ, Foster Dismukes, clerk, J. A. Hunt, evangelist.

A Faithful Worker

Carl Campbell, Cleveland, Tenn.

We find in the last few years we need God more than we ever did before and we should be FAITHFUL.

In Rev. 2:10 we find "Fear none of these things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

We see the scriptures are being fulfilled very fast. We find we shall suffer many things and shall be cast into prison and shall have all manner of tribulations. But thank God, it pays us to be FAITHFUL unto death and we will receive a crown of life.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44. Surely we all want to be ready to go at any time. One of the best ways I know of is to be FAITHFUL until the Lord comes or calls us, then if we are FAITHFUL unto the end, we will receive a crown of life and we will be in a city where there shall be no night. When we walk down the streets of Glory and drink of the water of life and eat the twelve manners of fruit, won't that be great? I'll tell you, friend, it surely is going to pay us to be FAITHFUL.

Let's notice Matt. 25:23 which reads, "His Lord said unto him, Well done, good and FAITHFUL servant; thou hast been FAITHFUL over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Won't it be glorious when we stand before God to be judged of our deeds and He says to you and me, Well done, good and faithful servant? I surely do want to be God's servant and serve Him in any way I can and hear Him say, Enter thou into the joy of the Lord.—A brother in Christ.

20 Saved, 20 Sanctified, 17 Received Holy Ghost

ALMA, Ga.—I wish to make a report of our revival which closed at this place Sunday night Dec. 21. The preaching was done by Brother Earl Paulk under the power of God. Some of the sweetest things were said and the greatest interest shown by both saints and sinners. There was one little Jewess who attended the meeting. Approximately twenty were saved, twenty sanctified, seventeen received the Holy Ghost, seventeen came into the church. The people are stirred and are talking on the streets and everywhere you see them. Brother Paulk is able to convince the gainsayer that Jesus is the very Christ. I am not uneasy that the great theologians can tangle him up in the scriptures. He almost knows the Bible by heart. He had good help as the saints here are on fire for God as usual. If a sinner ever comes to the altar here they stay with him until he goes thru or gets up and leaves the building. We request prayer of all the Church of God that we can still be standard bearers. — Lovingly, L. M. Smith, pastor.

MINISTERS

R. P. Johnson

"But watch thou in all things, ... do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." 2 Tim. 4:5. Since I have felt that God would have me write on this all important subject I propose to divide time with other writers and will take for a theme "THE MINISTER AND HIS MESSAGE."

Text: Rom. 1:15, "AS MUCH AS IN ME IS, I AM READY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL."

The every interesting question before the churchman and the world today is the minister and his message, for the churchman and the world both look upon the Church of God as the institution of God raised up to set individuals as well as collective bodies right. The natural consequence is, all eyes are turned on the ministry and all ears are keen to hear what they have to say that will set men and things right.

The ministry is an expectant body of men and women; and when I say expectant, I mean that both the church and the world are not only expecting department that will claim attention and command respect but along with creditable department they are expecting a MESSAGE, a message for this day in which we live, a message that will stir the church until they will cry and contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints, a message that when given this sin tossed and sorrowing world will hear it and cry, "What shall we do to be saved?" I am sure the Gospel contains that very message, the message Jesus brought, the message that was confirmed by them who heard Him, the message that God bore witness to with signs and wonders.

Now the minister who has that message burning in his bosom must seek some method that will help him get his message to the church and to the world. The Gospel is the same but every changing age requires changing methods to reach that particular age. We as ministers must know our age; we must know something of the people to whom we are to speak. We may be able to gain valuable information by acquainting ourselves with the methods of Luther, Knox, Dwight, Wesley, Moody, or any of the late evangelists, but their methods are not sufficient for our day. In the last quarter of a century the customs of the people have changed to the extent that men who died twenty-five years ago would not recognize the world of today. I must seek diligently to understand people of my day. I must know something of the motives that move it, the problems that distress it, the things that help and the things that hurt it, the hopes that lift it, the sigh and sob of its sorrows, the pleasures that drive it delirious. Yes, all of these and more are problems the minister and his message are to aid in solving. If he is as prayerful and studious as he should and must be, he will find that MESSAGE IN THE GOSPEL. As much as in me is, I am ready.

There may be some of you who read this who feel that you can go home and meet God in the judgment and submit a record of mere passive goodness and feel confident that you will hear the sweet well done; but remember, brother, sister, there are two conditions that must be met before you have any assurance that you will hear the sweet well done: First, Thou good; second, and faithful. I want to say you may live good and then prove faithless by shutting yourself away from this world's much troubled condition and refusing to come into contact with the sin cursed, diseased, distressed souls of this and foreign lands, and turning a deaf ear and cold shoulder to the pleading COME OVER AND HELP US. You may sit on the front porch or in the living room of a comfortable parsonage and draw enough money to live in ease and at the same time the poor and needy of your vicinity suffer for a word of encouragement; and when someone asks why it is the preacher doesn't go out after the people he takes offence and says, "Let them come to the church. I will be ready for them."

Dear minister, I would dread to walk into the judgment set against this day in which we are charged with living and offer as my excuse or defense, "I never had a call to that kind of work. I did not understand how to reach them so I just avoided any trouble by leaving them to their fate, hop-

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Built Up And Encouraged

CALHOUN, Ga.—Our new pastor, Brother Burk, began a fight against sin and the devil here. He preached the Word in its fullness. The saints were built up and encouraged to fight the battle harder. Some were saved, some sanctified, and three filled with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church.

(We were glad to have Brother and Sister Davis from Harrison, Tenn. with us two nights. My how he did preach! We welcome them back any time.)

The power fell on Sunday and how the saints did shout! Brother Burk played the piano under the power and a message was given in tongues and the interpretation given. The Lord blessed wonderfully. Don't forget to pray for the church here.—Yours in the Church of God, Rosa Willis.

GLAD OF HIS PROMISES

WAYCROSS, Ga.—I am praising God for His goodness and mercies to me. He means more to me right now than words can express. I am so glad He saw fit to save a sinner like I was. I am so glad of the precious blood of Jesus that was shed on Calvary that cleanses us from all sin and for the good Holy Ghost that comforts us all along the way. Praise His good name forever! I feel the joy bubbling up in my soul right now. The joy of salvation in our soul is worth more than all of the trials and temptations that we have to go through. I am so glad of a Savior who gives us overcoming power.

The Lord has been wonderfully blessing the church here at Waycross for the last few weeks. It is wonderful to see how His power is manifested when we meet. Our pastor, Brother Eddie Culpepper, came down on Dec. 3 to be with us until the 7th. We surely did have a good time in the Lord. We had services only five nights but the Lord surely did bless. There was shouting, dancing, and talking in tongues every night. One was saved, one sanctified, and one received the Holy Ghost. Brother Culpepper seems to be at his best for the Lord. We have been almost discouraged for a long time about this place, but some of us have held on to the Lord in prayer and it looks like He is answering.

It is so good to trust the Lord. If we look to Him He will always come to our rescue. He has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. I am glad of His promises. If we could only let others see this salvation as plainly as we feel it, there would not be so many rejecting the Lord. Everyone who reads this please pray for this place. The Lord wants to bless but the enemy is doing everything he can to hinder, but we know the Lord is able to bless. Pray for me that I will always stand true and be just what Jesus would have me.—Your sister under the blood, Rhodie Johns.

12 Saved, 11 Sanctified, 17 Baptized With Holy Ghost

ERWIN, Tenn.—We have just closed a four weeks' revival. Brother John Scalf, our pastor, and his nephew, Brother Charlie Scalf, were in charge. The dear Lord surely did bless them both in giving out the Word. There were twelve saved, eleven sanctified, seventeen received the Holy Ghost, two followed the Lord in water baptism and ten were added to the church. Many more are looking this way. The altar was full every night for three weeks and we had a large crowd every night. The saints shouted, danced and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, according to Acts 2:4, the Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I can't thank the dear Lord enough for what He has done for me. He has heard and answered my prayer for I have seen the results.

He has saved and sanctified my eleven year old boy and my nine year old girl and filled them with the sweet Holy Ghost. May God bless everyone who reads this. Pray for me to live the life, and that my children will stay humble at the cross.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Hallie Markland.

Bible Sanctification

F. W. Rollins

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. John 17:17.

Much has been said in these last days in regards to sanctification. Many have propagated their theories of doctrines, making it public from the pulpit that sanctification is only attained by setting yourself apart to do some certain work. That is good for us to do, but Bible sanctification goes deeper.

Let us notice the words of Jesus in this prayer: Father, sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth. It would not have been necessary for Him to have prayed such a prayer if setting yourself apart were all there was to it. We can comprehend from this scripture that true holiness and sanctification consist of supernatural power that exist from God thru the blood of His Son Jesus Christ upon the cross of Calvary.

There wasn't much said in regards to holiness as a doctrine in the antediluvian world; however, it was practiced by Enoch, Noah, and others. Think about people living as righteously as Enoch and Noah without any words of guidance, just walked by faith for the law was not written until about two thousand five hundred years after the creation. God gave the law to Moses on Mt. Sinai. God gives command to the children of Israel to be holy. Since that time the good people of God have searched the Scriptures daily to find out the true Bible sanctification.

There are many opinions and theories by unstable ministers who have concluded that sanctification is only a growth. This doctrine of sanctification is erroneous and should not dominate over our people. It is true we must grow in grace when we get into it, but we cannot grow in it until we get into it. Many think we will never know whether we are sanctified or not until Jesus comes; but if this is true, how did Paul know the Corinthian brethren were sanctified when he addressed his letter to them that are sanctified? Will we conclude that Paul knew it and the Corinthians did not? No, I believe we will be the first ones to find it out.

Some say this doctrine is new, and we don't believe in these new doctrines. Ever since there has been written laws of God sanctification has been preached. Turn with me to Ex. 31:13, "That ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you." This undoubtedly is referring to the supernatural power of God which descends into the hearts of men and women and takes out carnality and leaves the heart clean and pure.

We shall now take the contrast between the natural sanctification and the supernatural. One is the operation of God and the other is thru the operation of our own will power. Read 2 Cor. 7:1, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." After the supernatural power of God has cleansed us from all the sin principle, then we may have some cleansing to do. Read Lev. 11:44, "For I am the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy." Great restrictions were put on the children of Israel concerning things unclean at this particular time. This was the reason God gave them such strict commands to sanctify themselves.

After Joshua led the children of Israel across the River of Jordan and they met with their enemies in the city of Ai and had to retreat and go back to their camps badly discouraged, Joshua began to talk to God about their terrible defeat. God told him sin was in the camp. Joshua went to the camp and told them to sanctify themselves against tomorrow. "Thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you." We feel it is necessary when we come to God for any particular blessing to meet requirements and sanctify ourselves if needs be and concentrate our minds on Him in ever respect and lay aside all the work of the flesh, which will bring to us supernatural and true sanctification.

Jesus was a sanctified man, even before He was sent to this world. Read John 10:36. He never knew anything about carnality and sin, yet He came in the likeness of sinful flesh. In His prayer to the Father He said, "I sanctify myself that they might be sanctified." Doubtless this was not a

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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EDITORIALS

When this issue of the little paper reaches you, I expect to be visiting my father and mother at Panola, Ill. I expect to start on or near the 15th and be out of the office for six or eight days. Brother Latimer will be here to look after the interest of the Publishing House, and besides we have a well organized crew of faithful workers who we know will do their very best to make things go as they should. If you should fail to get a reply from me in the next few days, you will know the reason.

Ministers, don't forget to order a supply of Minutes and get them into the homes of your people. All holiness people should keep posted on the workings of the church, and especially all church members. Only 25c each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Don't forget we are praying for you. Each morning at 8:30 we climb the stairway to the prayer room and spend thirty minutes in song and prayer. We remember the workers each morning and especially those who are sick. We get scores of letters telling us God has heard and answered prayers in their behalf and they are well. We are truly glad and thankful the Lord is still with us and that the sick get healed.

If anything should fail to come up here as it should, be free to write us the particulars, giving all the information possible, and we will be glad to give it our attention. Our whole heart is in the work and we are anxious to serve you in every way we can. Be free to write us. We are glad to hear from you.

We are now preparing to reprint the "BOOK OF PROPHECY" by Brother F. J. Lee. The old stock he had made is all gone. The new book will have a flexible cover and will sell for 75c each. We are anxious to get this book into the homes of the people for we believe it to be the best work on this line on the market. We will receive and book your order and mail them to you as soon as they are off the press.

We have just received a note from Dalton Short of W. Frankfort, Ill., stating that he and H. N. Scoggins, State Overseer, and Tony Ford, pastor, are engaged in a great revival at Benton, Ill. Souls are praying thru in each service and the altar is filled with anxious seekers.

We are truly glad to hear of the many good revivals. As long as folks get thru to the Lord we are satisfied to go on for we know the Lord is pleased as long as souls are meeting His conditions and getting saved. This is surely a good time for revivals. We truly hope each pastor will have a revival at his church this year.

We have just received the following statement from Brother Harrowood of Ravenna, Ky.: "We are in the midst of a great revival. Brother Jernigan is in charge. Souls are getting thru in every service and old time conviction is falling. The end is not in sight. When you pray at your prayer hour remember us. Yours for souls, F. R. Harrowood."

Since last issue of the Evangel we have only received seventy-three subscriptions. Arthur Middleton sends five; A. L. Smith, four; and the remainder was sent one, two and three in a letter. We certainly thank each one who is helping in anyway to keep the circulation of the Evangel up.

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Notices & Specials

In the Orphanage Report in the Evangel credit was given to Liberty City, Ala. when it should have been given to Blue Springs, Ala. The amount sent was 95c.—Gen. Sec'y and Treas.

To my many friends: My address is Box 561, Nassau N. P., Bahama.—A brother in Christ, W. A. Baxter.

If you are interested in hearing the following subjects discussed, I will be glad to answer calls.

"The Important Purchase," "The Problem of Life," "Answering The Question—Which Is The Right Way?" "The Second Coming of Christ," "Demonology," "The Origin of the Devil," "The Coming Crisis," "Hell—Is It Literal?" "The Millennium," "Special Lectures on Revelation." Address Bun E. Hicks, Cleveland, Tenn.

To the ministers and churches in South Carolina: I take this method of notifying you and giving you the dates of conventions to be held in this state for this assembly year. We want to have our conventions early this year so we may be able to do some evangelistic work. The dates of the conventions to be held are as follows:

Columbia District—Columbia, S. C., Feb. 27, 28, and Mar. 1.

Dillon District—McColl, S. C., Mar. 6-8.

Rock Hill District—Blacksburg, S. C., March 13-15.

Greenville District—Greenville, S. C., March 20-22.

Walhalla District—Walhalla, S. C., March 27-29.

We want to insist that all pastors in each respective district be present at the convention, also bring as many of your members as you can. The state board will be present at each convention to examine applicants for the ministry. We will ask each district overseer to try to make arrangements to take care of each minister who attends your convention without cost to him. I mean see that they get a place to sleep and eat.

Each convention will begin on the first day at 7:30 P. M. and close with all day service. Don't miss your convention. It is needful for you to be there.

We have reappointed Brother Geo. W. Cooper, 174 White St., Rock Hill, S. C. as state mission treasurer. We are asking that each pastor see that your church raises five per cent as much as your church pays in tithes and send half to Brother E. J. Boehmer, Cleveland, Tenn., and half to the state mission treasurer.

Come, South Carolina, let us be loyal and see what God will do for us. We will announce the state convention later.—Your brother and servant, H. L. Whittington, Overseer of S. C.

To all district superintendents and local officers of the C. of G. Y. P. E.: The Lighted Pathway will be a valuable aid in your young people's work. Every endeavor should get a number of copies of each issue. May God bless you and prosper the young people's work.—R. P. Johnson, State Overseer of Florida.

The Church of God at Sale Creek, Tenn. wants to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members. If not heard from by the first week in April, they will be excluded from the church. We should report to the church once every three months.

Sister Jennie Goodson, Sister Winnie May, Sister Ida May, Sister Brinnie Moses, Sister Gussie Chambers, Sister Bessie Webb, Sister Marthie Gothard, Sister Laura Suggs, Brother Dane Gothard, Sister Dallis Kern, Sister Elizabeth Hodge.

Report to me.—S. L. Alexander, clerk, Sale Creek, Tenn.

I am an old lady and need some woman to help me out with the housework for two in family. I have the Holy Ghost and will treat anyone good and am willing to give a good home, board, and pay a small salary to the right lady, one with the Holy Ghost.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. E. S. Wells, R. F. D. 1, Box 24, McComb, Miss.

To all ministers and churches in Florida: Brother E. L. Simmons is travelling, preaching a series of special sermons that I am sure will be beneficial and highly appreciated by all who hear them. He is ready to come to Florida for a few weeks and I am sure the churches that hear these messages will consider they were fortunate. Please let him know at once just when to come to your church or write him and make a date with him.

Brother John H. Jones of Williston is in the state open for calls for revivals. Brother Jones is a good preacher and is willing to do his best. Any church wanting his service can get in touch with him at Williston, Fla. May be dear Lord bless you.—R. P. Johnson, State Overseer.

The Church of God at Mt. Sinai would like to hear from the following members by Jan. 24. We will have conference on that date and if not heard from they will be excluded from the church.

Lola Johnson, Mary Turnage, H. L.

Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tullos, Mrs. Esther Dunaway, Mrs. Sina Bourn. Please answer at once to the clerk.—G. W. Morgan, Foxworth, Miss.

There will be home coming day at Paris Church of God, Paris, Texas on Sunday, Feb. 1, 1931. Every member is requested to be present or send a letter stating your spiritual condition and your address. If you fail to do this, your name will be dropped from our membership list.—W. G. Webb, pastor, 10 S. 12th St., Paris, Texas.

To the Churches of God in Illinois: Having been appointed home missionary treasurer for the state, I will be glad to hear from the treasurer of every church promptly each month. If you can send your home missionary offering by personal check, it will save the expense of mailing out receipt cards as the cancelled check will be your receipt. We should not forget that the Assembly requires each state to have a home missionary department and each church in the state is to contribute. (See report of Mission Committee in Minutes of last Assembly, page 32.)

There is much territory in the state that we have never worked and if every church will do its duty in missionary work our State Overseer can report many new churches next Assembly.—Yours for the spread of the Gospel, J. P. Hughes, 2090 Wise St., Eldorado, Ill.

Brother Earl Brewer, Benndale, Miss. is hereby appointed state evangelist for Mississippi. Those desiring revivals, especially in new fields, will do well to secure him. He carries his own lights and musical instrument and his wife plays the organ. I further recommend him as a successful evangelist.

I also again urge all pastors to give attention to the mission collections as outlined by the Assembly. Send two and one half per cent to Headquarters and the balance to W. B. Wimberly, State Treasurer, Houston, Miss.—S. J. Heath, Overseer.

Please pray for me to be healed. I have stomach and kidney trouble and also rheumatism. I wholly trust the Lord.—Mrs. L. E. Alford, Rt. A. N., Box 30, Ponce De Leon, Fla.

Please pray for my eyes. One of them is gone and the other one is very weak. Also pray that I will be healed of a cold and cough and that I may hold out faithfully till Jesus comes.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. S. R. Booth, Samoset, Fla.

I am still sick, altho' the Lord has wonderfully touched my body. Please continue to pray that I might get my complete healing. Also pray for my unsaved children and for my son who has T. B.—Mrs. E. S. Wells, R. F. D. 1, Box 24, McComb, Miss.

I have been afflicted about a week. Please pray for me for I am trusting the Lord. Pray for my unsaved family that they will get interested about their souls before it is too late.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Luella Cockrell.

I want God's children to pray for the Lord to heal me of a terrible cough. Pray for the Lord to cause my children to come home, and also pray a special prayer for my husband. Pray for the Lord to give him a tender heart.—Your heart-broken sister, Mary Allen, Bulan, Ky.

I ask every saint of God to pray for my right arm. It looks like I will lose use of it if God doesn't undertake. Pray that my husband will get so hungry for the Holy Ghost he can't eat or sleep until God comes to his rescue. He loves the church and wants the Holy Ghost. Pray for my four children to be saved before it is too late. Pray for me to be found doing His will when He comes or calls.—Your sister under the blood looking for Jesus to come soon, Mrs. M. D. Lairmore, Rt. 2, Rayville, La.

I request prayer to be healed of some kind of fainty spells and a bad cough. Also pray for my little sister to be healed of asthma.—Ethel Davis, Lansing, Tenn.

All who read this please pray a special prayer for the Lord to heal my body. Pray for the prayer meeting at Panther, W. Va. Also pray for my husband to get right with God again and for my little girl to hold on to God's unchanging hand and for my little son to be saved.—Your sister in Christ, Anna Hodge, Winding Guff, W. Va.

Please pray for me to be saved before it is too late. If you value a soul, don't forget to pray for me. The devil is trying to keep me from heaven.—Silas Boatright, Empire, Ala.

I want everyone who reads this to please pray that God will deliver Sister Davidson in some way. She is in a bad fix.—Your sister in the Lord, Lona Harris.

Pray for my husband to receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my mother. She is afflicted in her mind. Pray for my many loved ones to be saved.—Your

Found Some Good Folks

CROCKETT, Tex.—We have just closed a revival at Albright's Chapel.

It was wonderful how the Lord blessed. One was sanctified, one received the Holy Ghost, and four were reclaimed. The saints were blessed wonderfully and all seemed to have a greater desire to go on and serve the Lord.

The enemy has tried every way he could to discourage us since we have been down here but that is part of his business. We are not one bit discouraged but we intend to go on and work for the Lord and be ready when He comes or calls. We want to try to do what we can to lead others to the dear Lord. We have found some good folks down here and some folks who are hungry for the Lord. We ask all who pray to pray for the work in the Crockett District.—Your brother and sister, W. A. Gross and wife, District Overseer.

Have Love One For Another

KENNEDY, Ala.—I have just returned from Mississippi. I went to my home church the first Saturday.

We had services Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. The dear Lord blessed our souls. The power fell and there was dancing and talking in tongues. Brother H. M. Taylor is our pastor. He is a man after God's own heart. He has been our pastor for three or four years. Our church is on fire for God and lost souls. Most every member is at his place doing all he can. We surely have love one for another.

I left Coda Sunday night and stopped over at Higdon schoolhouse and preached two nights. From there I went to Tabernacle church for Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. The Lord blessed our souls real good. The power fell and there was dancing and talking in tongues.

I am doing my best for God. I am putting my entire time in for the glory of God. I have been traveling, preaching for more than a year and a half. I have decided if I had one or two churches I would pastor this year. If you are in need of a pastor, let me hear from you.—Your humble servant in the Church of God, R. J. Aldridge, Rt. 3.

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The West Needs Workers

CHEHALIS, Wash.—I can't praise Jesus enough for saving my soul. I was a backslider for nearly two years. Sadness fills my heart to think I could trample the blood of Jesus under my feet. Oh the love of God that did not turn me away forever! It is sad to say, so many backsliders never get back to God.

The very last day of a holiness camp meeting in Montevideo, Minn. a dear sister in the Lord held on for my poor soul. She knew of my lost condition. I praise Jesus for these prayers that went thru to glory. The battle was fought and victory won to the glory of God. Once again a lost sheep was brought into the fold. This was ten or twelve years ago.

Three months later I heard a sermon preached on sanctification. My heart got so hungry for a victorious life in Jesus. I wondered, Could it be possible to live above sin? I was the first one to the altar, crying to God for a clean heart. He suffered without the gate to sanctify our hearts and lives. Glory to God for holiness, pure before God thru Jesus!

Eight years ago we were called out West to take charge of a Methodist congregation as my husband was a minister. I did not know anything about the blessed baptism of the Holy Ghost. God will lead an honest heart all the way. My precious Lord revealed Himself to me nearly six years ago, that He would baptize me as He did the disciples of old and I would be endowed with power. I said, Is it possible, Lord, that means me? Can we really get where the disciples of old were?

Jesus' last commission was, Go ye and tarry in Jerusalem. The witness of the Holy Ghost has come in to stay, by speaking a new language of Canaan. I told my husband, He said, I don't believe in it, maybe the Lord will do it for you. Praise the dear Lord, He never fails. Two and one half months later we had a revival at our Methodist church in Soda Bend, Wash. At nearly twelve o'clock at midnight all I could say was, I'm so hungry, Lord. A sister said, The Lord wants to baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire. I fell as dead under the power of God. I saw a beautiful scene as of Jacob's ladder reaching to heaven and like fiery tongues coming down from heaven to earth filled my being with unspeakable glory. I laid under, as it were, a heap of fiery tongues and saw Jesus at the top of the ladder in His fullness. Praise Jesus that I was counted worthy for Him to come in to abide in this temple of clay forever in this world. Praise God for the witness! The Spirit will speak for himself with a new language of Canaan. Hallelujah, it is a reality. The Comforter is abiding still sweeter as the years go by. My husband has also received the same so we work together in unity of the Spirit.

I am glad to tell you dear ones in the Lord how I came in touch with the Church of God Evangel. A man of God came this way by the name of Brother Whitman. He told us of this Church of God and also gave us a few copies of your paper. How we do praise this God for this messenger He sent this way so we could get to know about this church and also the Church of God Evangel! As it has been a blessing to us, I thank my Savior for permitting us to become acquainted with this great family of God. It is just where we stand and feel at home. I love your little paper. Many blessings have come to us from it and memories of the good holiness days we had out East. How we need holiness in these days! We need to be ready to live and ready to die at any moment's call.

As I read these good testimonies, also read of the Church of God, I rejoice in the Lord. At the same time it made my heart hungry to be together with you. God bless all His children everywhere that we may grow strong and be fruitbearing Christians. Praise the dear Lord for the relationship with all saints of God made known thru the Church of God Evangel. I'm glad to be a member of same.

Pray for us as we have just opened a new Church of God mission in Chehalis, Wash. as there is none of its kind here. Pray for God to keep us humble and meet for the Master's use.

If any Church of God evangelists or saints come this way, please stop and call on us. We shall have fellowship together with one another. God bless one and all in this great work. May He bring a great ingathering of souls this year is our prayer and greetings to all saints in the Church of God family.—Your sister in the Master's service, Mrs. O. L. Borseth.

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Believes Old Time Power Has Come to Stay

We praise God this afternoon for the good revival we have just closed at Fitzgerald, Ga. After we were assigned the place as district overseer of the Fitzgerald District we began to ask God to give us a great revival.

On Nov. 21 we opened fire on the enemy with the Holy Ghost as our captain and did our best to preach the Word of God uncompromisingly. At first it was very hard but we asked the saints to join us in a prayer for victory. Praise His name, victory came. There came a mighty shower from the Glory World. Souls were brought under conviction, the altar was filled, and many wept their way to victory. There was a mighty manifestation of God's great power, singing, shouting, dancing, and talking in tongues. Fire was handled and many diseased bodies were healed. Sinners and saints said alike that this was the greatest revival in Fitzgerald in ten years. We believe the old time power has come to Fitzgerald to stay.

We closed Dec. 14 after having preached three weeks with twenty-six baptized with the Holy Ghost, almost that number saved and sanctified, and fifteen added to the church with more to follow. The altar was full at the last service. We are expecting this revival spirit to last all this year.

Please, dear Evangel readers, when you have read this breathe a prayer to the One who knows all things that we may continue to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, and that we will always be found humble and obedient to His cause and the great Church

MINISTERS

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And now God has raised up a ministry and he expects that ministry to take its stand. Stand amidst it all and stand for something, something distinct and worthy, something attractive and great enough to claim attention, something that will make an appeal to men and call for demand and justify sacrifice even to the full measure of time, talent, and means. That something is nothing short of the full Gospel of Jesus Christ, for the Gospel alone holds attractions superior and satisfying. It's the only message that carries promises that cover the needs of every man. And when I look upon its sacred pages I say, "Most gladly will I spend and be spent in delivering such a message that others may acquaint themselves with Thy precious promises and take heed to Thy timely warnings."

Ministers, look! See yourselves standing in the midst of a troublous people such as no man can describe with pen and paper, neither can they be pictured in cold print. See coming there a man with the sweat of toil on his brow and the soil of labor on his hands. Hear, ye men who guide our ships and plan our commerce, we have a message for you. Await there, you fellows who plow our fields and feed our families, I have something to say to you. Stop, you dock your ships, sidetrack your trains, lay aside your sledges and tongs, bring your trucks to a standstill, loose your teams from the plow and wagon; drop your sewing, ye busy women, delay your cooking for a few minutes. Ho, everyone, we have a message for you. You who are busily engaged in bringing the harvest from the bosom of our fruitful fields and orchards to the hungry crowds of our crowded cities and towns, listen to me. I bring you a message, "AS MUCH AS IN ME IS, I AM READY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO YOU."

Let me say just here that the minister who does not have absolute profound faith in his message will not run out before this hard pressed world and ask for a hearing. And why should we ask for a hearing when we have nothing to say? I am sure what you say will be worthless and avail nothing and you will find yourself beating the air and at the close of your campaign close with a growl of disgust unless you have faith in your message.

We must remember God has neither called nor sent us to make flowery speeches and to string out a string of meaningless phrases, but He has given into your hands, into my hands, the only all inclusive, all sufficient message to be found today. He asks you and charges me to preach the Word. Be instant in season, out of season. God gets no glory neither does man get any blessing out of us when we spend the major portion of our time and exhaust our energy in exposing the faults and failures of other movements and the mistakes of other men. What God asks and what the world needs is a message, a message that will help a troubled people solve their problems. AS MUCH AS IN ME IS, I AM READY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL. God has risked you with a revolutionary message, the world doesn't expect anything else, and the church needs nothing else. That fact causes me to think, What will the ministry do with its trust? When I see boys playing marbles, I am only concerned at the pleasure the boys get out of thumping the marbles about. But should one of them come around the corner of the house and start batting a stick of dynamite, I would be all attention. I am interested to the extent that I feel that it's moving day with me. It's to my best interest to move and move quickly. There is something with power coming my way. Now as long as ministers play marbles, put on little catchy programs to draw a crowd, they will only have a crowd come together to tattle and plan their weekly social program. But if they are prayerful and faithful they will find the Gospel is charged with the dynamite of God to the extent that it will awake a drowsy church and stir it to fervent prayer and put the spurs to the guilty conscience of a people gone wrong until they will cry, "What shall we do to be saved?"

The Gospel is no toy for the amusement of an apostate church and a delirious world but was trusted in your hands to be delivered in demonstration and power of the Spirit. God has trusted you and me with such a message to be delivered in the market, in the counting room, the office, the dock, the railroad stations, on the farm. In fact, everywhere man may be found, the Gospel has a mission there and God will hold us responsible for delivering it. We don't want to deliver it because it merely has a right there, but because it has an irresistible mission there. That mission is to set men right and keep them going straight. God has sent us to preach to the hearts of men, not to tickle the ears and entertain the minds.

As I sit here and write, something seems to say, Shoot straight at their hearts, sinful and black hearts, weak and fluttering hearts, doubtful and fearful hearts, sad, broken, bleeding, torn, sorrowing, sobbing, despairing hearts. We have a message. We have found the remedy you need.

O dear ministers, pray for me that I may fling with all the faith God will give me this Gospel message. Let us catch the spirit of Paul, AS MUCH AS IN ME IS, I AM READY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL. The Gospel must reach the hearts of men if they are ever turned to righteousness. I have abso-

lute faith in its power and the uttermost confidence in the Holy Ghost that He will accompany it to make it effectual.

While men with modern systems of teaching may have lost their power, and popular preachers are lamenting over the great falling away in their ranks, we have the assurance that Jesus is always close to men and the ministers who live in touch with Him and have nothing else to preach but Jesus and Him crucified, and will find that men are still hungry to hear the old, old story. Jesus is close to the needs of men. In fact, He is the most essential part of every need. "BUT NOW IN CHRIST JESUS YE WHO SOME TIMES WERE FAR OFF ARE MADE NIGH BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. FOR HE IS OUR PEACE, WHO HATH MADE BOTH ONE, AND HATH BROKEN DOWN THE MIDDLE WALL OF PARTITION BETWEEN US; HAVING ABOLISHED IN HIS FLESH THE ENMITY, EVEN THE LAW OF COMMANDMENTS CONTAINED IN ORDINANCES; FOR TO MAKE IN HIMSELF OF TWOIN ONE NEW MAN, SO MAKING PEACE; AND THAT HE MIGHT RECONCILE BOTH UNTO GOD IN ONE BODY BY THE CROSS, HAVING SLAIN THE ENMITY THEREBY; AND CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHICH WERE AFAR OFF, AND TO THEM THAT WERE NIGH. FOR THROUGH HIM WE BOTH HAVE ACCESS BY ONE SPIRIT TO THE FATHER." Eph. 2:13-18.

Oh what a message! What a message! I beg you, brother, sister, preacher, have faith in that message, preach it, pray it, sing it, write it into the hearts of this troubled people until they will know in experience the wonders of its saving grace and rejoice in its keeping power. AS MUCH AS IN ME IS, I AM READY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL.

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P. S. While riding and praying, I was impressed to write, I was asking, What shall I write? The Spirit seemed to place before me this subject and immediately this text stood before my mind's eye.

OVERCOMERS

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our profession hold us, and protect us in the day of temptation and trial. We shall never be able to overcome evil with evil; we must overcome evil with good. There have been people who, when things did not go to suit them, would let everybody know that they were displeased and leave the place of worship and not come back until they were petted and persuaded by their friends. Then they would always be getting their feelings in the way and were continually a source of unpleasantness. Such is not the way to get even the right thing done. When things don't go to suit you, then continue to exercise that peaceable spirit that you show when everything is just to your notion, and always be found at your post of duty and be sweet to all those who are doing even what you feel is not right. Before you hardily realize it, those doing wrong will be won over to the right by your Christ-like spirit. And remember that to call down fire, even from heaven, to devour those who do not receive our ideas is not the spirit of the Master. Such a spirit is not likely to overcome much evil, but is more likely to stir up any trouble that may be lurking around the corner waiting for just such an opportunity. If we yield to temptations, we are overcome rather than overcomers.

We overcome by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of our testimony. That blood that justifies us is able to save us in time of trials and temptations and even in death.

The blood is the plea of all children of God; and if any are saved at all, it will be because they trusted in the blood for their salvation, and redemption. Then we hear Him say, They overcame by the word of their testimony. How is that? Just merely testifying does not save anyone. No, but this has a deeper meaning than just merely saying, I am saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, for anyone could say that. But it speaks of those who have a testimony. So then our testimony reveals what we really are. Not just what we say is our testimony, but our testimony is what we live every day. So then they, who overcome, were those who had the blood of the Lamb and that naturally gave them a right kind of testimony. So then because of the life they were enabled to live by the blood of the Lamb, they overcame.

The overcomers are those who are equipped with the armour that is provided by the Captain of their salvation. Eph. 6:1 says, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." This gives us an idea of a soldier going into battle. As soldiers of the cross, we should act somewhat like soldiers of this world. We should have that spirit of fight and die for the cause for which we have enlisted. Our own lives are not to be held dear, but everything, even life itself, must be surrendered upon the altar of sacrifice to make the victory sure for our kingdom. Think first of Him for whom we are fighting then overcoming will be an easy thing. Selfish and greedy soldiers will never win a victory while in this cause. Handle yourselves and your armour according to orders from the superior officers and victory is certain. To disobey means death and destruction. Obedience is better than sacrifice. We are overcomers; we can be overcomers; and we shall be overcomers.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

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Dec. 1 to 31.

CASH

S. S. Eldorado, Ill. \$12.64; Mrs. Emma Craig, Zwallo, La. \$2.00; S. S. Lemmon, S. Dak. \$4.45; S. S. Everts, Ky. \$1.36; Church, Campaign, Tenn. \$6.22; S. S. Largo, Fla. \$7.86; S. S. Arcadia, Fla. \$5.24; S. S. Nocatee, Fla. \$2.57; S. S. Carrier Mills, Ill. \$4.39; S. S. So. Lebanon, Ohio, \$5.15; S. S. McCamey, Tex. \$1.35; S. S. Bridgeport, Ill. 75c; S. S. Walhalla (town), S. C. \$2.23; S. S. Marked Tree, Ark. \$1.41; S. S. Summiton, Ala. \$2.35; S. S. Convention, Hazlehurst, Ga. \$1.38; S. S. Walhalla (country), S. C. \$2.16; S. S. Asheville, N. C. \$4.25; S. S. Bunker Hill, S. C. \$1.24; S. S. Phenix City, Ala. \$1.62; S. S. Tampa, Fla. \$2.64; S. S. Waycross, Ga. 59c; S. S. Hartwell, Ga. \$2.14; S. S. Smithers, W. Va. \$1.46; T. P. Douglas, Miami, Fla. \$2.16; S. S. McVeigh, Ky. \$6.82; Offering, Home Coming Day, Rocky Mt., N. C. \$5.26; S. S. Cherry Hill, Texas, \$4.25; S. S. Nettleton, Ark. \$2.00; S. S. Alexandria, Va. \$1.18; S. S. Huntington, W. Va. \$16.51; S. S. Cincinnati, Ohio, \$16.30; S. S. Cincinnati, Ohio, \$7.00; S. S. Clara Chapel, Texas, 23c; S. S. LaFrance, S. C. 66c; S. S. Ardmore, Okla. \$1.00; S. S. Draper, N. C. 71c; S. S. Petersburg, W. Va. \$2.23; S. S. Lawrenceville, Ill. 68c; S. S. Omaha, Ark. \$2.05; S. S. Shamrock, Tex. 87c; S. S. Zellwood, Fla. \$1.30; S. S. Walters, Okla. 61c; S. S. Kansas City, Kan. 50c; S. S. Dorothy, W. Va. 15c; S. S. Sulphur Springs, Fla. \$2.05; S. S. Garrison, W. Va. \$2.38; S. S. Ravenna, Ky. \$6.10; S. S. Columbus, Ga. 85c; S. S. Kannapolis, N. C. \$5.50; S. S. Montgomery, Ala. \$2.55; S. S. Clayville, Pa. \$9.52; S. S. Charlotte, N. C. \$3.65; S. S. Electra, Tex. \$1.95; S. S. Ryder, N. Dak. \$4.87; S. S. Williamsburg, Pa. \$1.62; S. S. Boswell, Pa. \$2.16; S. S. Harlan, Ky. \$2.58; S. S. LaBelle, Fla. \$3.10; S. S. Oak Grove, Miss. 79c; S. S. Easton, Md. \$9.04; S. S. Lubbock, Tex. 20c; S. S. Brownfield, Texas, \$3.46; S. S. Monroe, Va. \$1.56; S. S. Big Springs, Tex. \$1.40; S. S. Bonne Terre, Mo. \$2.82; S. S. Kentwood, La. \$1.67; S. S. Ravia, Okla. \$2.14; S. S. Lawton, Okla. \$2.05; S. S. Cambridge, Md. \$5.69; S. S. Joplin, Mo. \$1.35; S. S. Atlanta, Ga. \$30.00; Geo. Llewellyn, Philadelphia, Pa. \$13.00; S. S. Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. \$8.13; S. S. Youngstown, Ohio, \$2.68; S. S. Kellysville, W. Va. \$1.37; S. S. Lafayette, Ga. \$1.56; S. S. Reading, Pa. \$1.02; S. S. Paris, Texas, 15c; S. S. Lynchburg, Va. \$1.42; S. S. St. Luke, Md. 67c; S. S. Lakeland, Fla. \$9.98; S. S. Ranger, Texas, 78c; S. S. Greenwood, S. C. \$1.95; S. S. Baltimore, Md. \$5.63; Church, Bisbee, Ariz. \$5.92; S. S. Uhrichsville, Ohio, \$2.62; S. S. McVeigh, Ky. \$5.00; Mrs. R. E. Murphy, Kimbrell, Miss. \$1.00; S. S. Mobeeite, Tex. \$2.65; S. S. Pine Grove, Ala. 50c; S. S. Somerset, Pa. \$2.20; S. S. Bithlo, Fla. \$1.50; S. S. Lynch, Ky. \$2.96; Church, N. Chattanooga, Tenn. \$7.18; Church, Mineral Wells, Texas, \$2.00; S. S. Lancaster, Ohio, \$1.82; Orville Reum, Plaza, N. Dak. \$12.87; S. S. Chavies, Ala. \$3.08; S. S. Crown, W. Va. \$1.25; S. S. Salem, W. Va. \$1.89; S. S. Cantwell, Mo. \$2.35; S. S. Cantwell, Mo. \$1.82; Church, Ft. Worth, Texas, 69c; S. S. Ft. Worth, Tex. \$1.15; Church, Thomaston, Ga. \$3.70; S. S. Fitzgerald, Ga. \$3.00; Friend, Stroud, Okla. \$9.00; S. S. Arcadia, Fla. \$1.85; S. S. Pulaski, Va. \$2.76; S. S. Lannix, Tex. 48c; S. S. Pittsburg, Pa. 50c; S. S. Manns Choice, Pa. 39c; S. S. Kermit, W. Va. \$2.51; S. S. Somerset, Pa. \$1.29; S. S. Broad Creek, N. C. \$1.36; S. S. Circleville, Ohio, \$2.43; S. S. Weatherford, Texas, 90c; S. S. Chauncey, Ill. \$1.17; C. of G. Y. P. E., Louisville, Ky. \$5.00; S. S. Colorado Springs, Colo. \$3.50; S. S. W. Frankfort, Ill. \$5.27; S. S. Marion, Va. 50c; Church, Eldorado, Ill. 71c; S. S. Eldorado, Ill. \$1.22; S. S. Rock Hill, S. C. 85c; S. S. Thomaston, Ga. \$1.60; S. S. Grove Oak, Ala. 70c; S. S. Cliffview, Va. \$2.00; S. S. Hudson, Fla. \$6.63; S. S. Morrinstown, Tenn. \$3.90; S. S. Buckhannon, W. Va. 66c; S. S. Crisfield, Md. \$9.47; S. S. Blue Diamond, Ky. \$4.75; S. S. Baldwin Park, Calif. \$2.05; S. S. Toledo, Ohio, \$4.41; L. T. Langston, Jenners, Pa. 15c; S. S. Walbridge, Ohio, \$5.68; W. E. Coke, Slater, S. C. 55c; S. S. Hollidaysburg, Pa. \$2.10; S. S. Xmas Offering, Lake Wales, Fla. \$26.23; S. S. Dalton, Ga. \$4.25; S. S. Macclenny, Fla. \$7.22; S. S. Augusta, Ga. \$27.00; S. S. Wimauma, Fla. \$11.50; S. S. Buhl, Ala. \$1.20; S. S. Pontiac, Mich. \$8.75; S. S. Carlsbad, N. Mex. \$8.44; S. S. Mobeeite, Tex. \$1.31; S. S. Whiteside, Tenn. \$6.90; S. S. Josephs Chapel, Miss. \$1.81; S. S. Slaton, Tex. 29c; S. S. Deadmona, Tex. \$1.15; S. S. Wichita Falls, Tex. \$1.30; Church, Monclo, W. Va. \$5.14; S. S. Blue Spgs., Ala. 68c; S. S. Xmas gift, Miami, Fla. \$6.00; S. S. Shawneetown, Ill. \$3.32; S. S. Xmas gift, Morgantown, Miss. \$11.30; Sewing club, Akron, Ohio, \$16.63; S. S. Mt. Zion, Miss. \$3.10; Mrs. Casie Boyd, Valdesta, Ga. 25c; S. S. Boswell, Pa. \$8.82; S. S. Xmas offering, Ft. Myers, Fla. \$25.00; S. S. Billings, Mont. \$5.00; Julia Ruff, Marietta, Ga. \$2.28; S. S. Jacksonville, Ala. \$3.00; S. S. Christopher, Ill. \$32.89; C. W. Kerce, Lawton, Okla. 04c; S. S. Sebeva, Mich. \$2.20; S. S. Macon, Ga. \$1.83c; S. S. Plant City, Fla. \$1.50; S. S. LaFayette, Ga. \$1.61; S. S. Riviera, Fla. \$6.00; The Albough

Funeral Home, Cambridge, Md. \$3.00; W. G. Winterbottom & Co., Cambridge, Md. \$10.00; W. O. Green, Gibson, Mont. \$1.00; S. S. Pensacola, Fla. \$1.45; Eben Wright, Grand Ledge, Mich. 15c; S. S. Ravenna, Ky. \$4.45; W. W. Rivers, Stewart, Miss. \$4.00; Mrs. Casey Griffin, Gibson, Mont. \$1.00; Savoy children, Cameron, La. 30c; S. S. Xmas offering, Davis Creek, W. Va. \$16.00; S. S. Zellwood, Fla. \$2.01; S. S. Xmas offering, Altoona, Ala. \$8.50; Alma Summerlin, Buena Vista, Ala. \$2.00; S. S. Ladonia, Tex. \$2.34; Leann Oathout, Portland, Ind. \$5.00; S. S. Middletown, Ohio, \$10.00; Mrs. Sarah Jordan, Nahunta, Ga. \$3.50; S. S. Logan, W. Va. \$43.85; Ray Bowersock, Archers Fork, Ohio, \$4.12; S. S. Class No. 4, Shipley Grove, Tenn. \$1.87; Albert Dixon, Chillicothe, Ohio, \$10.00; S. S. Nocatee, Fla. \$9.00; S. S. Thomasville, Ala. \$10.00; S. S. Alamo, Texas, \$1.60; S. S. Whitwell, Tenn. \$3.40; Jack Sagon, Lawrenceville, Ga. \$1.00; Mrs. Ella W. Mobley, Clarksville, Tenn. \$3.20; Church, Erwin, Tenn. \$2.83; Sol. by Katherine and Francis Bunch, Wallins Creek, Ky. \$3.38; S. S. Switzer, W. Va. \$5.33; Sol. by Mrs. Sarah Irvin, Etowah, Tenn. \$4.00; S. S. Hudson, Tenn. \$2.95; S. S. Manns Choice, Pa. \$5.74; Church, Greenville, S. C. \$11.00; Sol. by Hickman Smith, Wallins Creek, Ky. \$8.50; S. S. Louisville, Ky. \$10.71; S. S. Bristol, Va. \$3.76; S. S. LaFrance, S. C. 51c.

MISCELLANEOUS

Lona Blevins, Parnell, Ky. — 4½ yds. prints, 1 pr. pinow cases, 2 towels, 1 slip for baby, 1 roll of lace, 5 doz. pearl buttons.

N. C. Durrant, Richmondale, Ohio, — 4 union suits for boys, 3 pr. shoes, 1 pr. slippers, 1 pr. rubbers, 7 shirts, 1 lumber jack, 2 pr. unions for misses, 1 box candy.

Miss Anna Coppel, Higby, Ohio, — 1 girl's hat, 1 middy, 2 aprons, 3 misses' dresses, 1 pr. baby stockings (worn).

Mrs. Laura Beavers, Kannapolis, N. C. — 4 children's dresses, 3 pr. bloomers (worn).

Martha Durgin, Chickamauga, Ga. — 4 baby dresses, 11 children's dresses, 6 misses' dresses, 5 princess slips, 7 pr. bloomers, 2 small boys' suits, 8 shirts, 4 boys' waist (new), 1 pr. pants (worn).

Mrs. Ellen Taylor, Dayton, Tenn. — 1 box candy for boys.

Mr. M. T. Chambers, Atlanta, Ga. — 3 chinchilla rabbits.

J. A. Hipps, Cairo, Ga. — 6 gallons syrup.

Misses Lula and May Caldwell, Atlanta, Ga. — 3 hats, 1 miss' coat, 1 skirt, 2 dresses (worn).

T. P. Douglas, Miami, Fla. — 1 barrel oranges.

S. S. Ravenna, Ky. — 2 coats and vests, 1 can corn, 1 pkg. dried fruit, apples, oranges, grape fruit, and nuts.

Church, Maryville, Tenn. — 42 new towels with name of each little friend.

Mrs. Clara Mullikin, Baltimore, Md. — 2 boxes gifts and Christmas cards.

No name, Plant City, Fla. — 1 crate oranges.

Church, Sparta, Tenn. — 1 quilt.

Mrs. J. B. Jumps and friends, Archers, Fla. — 1 quilt top, 2 qts. grape jelly, crochet for dresser scarfs.

M. Vanus, Christopher, Ill. — 7 princess slips, 18 pr. stockings, 2 pr. bloomers, 1 dress with bloomers, 16 1-2 yds. print.

Church, Cambridge, Md. — Mrs. Edward Cook, sol. — 1 pr. shoes, 2 sweaters, 2 pr. pants, 2 hats, 2 tams, 1 boy's cap, 1 belt, (worn), nice box of Xmas toys.

Church, Tampa, Fla. — 5 bars toilet soap, 2 wash cloths, 12 hdkfs., 6 yds. cloth.

Church of God Circle, Walters, Okla. — 1 quilt, 1 princess slip, 11 yds. prints, 2 boxes candy, 1 quilt top.

Thunder Hawk, S. Dak. — 1 quilt, 3 aprons (worn), 2 underbodies, 5 pr. bloomers, 4 dish cloths, 3 yds. domestic, 9 pan lifters, 3 pr. stockings, 8 hdkfs., prints in different lengths.

Elizabeth Howell, Miami, Springs, Fla. — 2 boxes Xmas gifts for Carroll children.

S. S. Class No. 3, Lakeland, Fla. — 6 arks with dolls, 6 fork and spoon sets.

Mrs. C. W. Lynch, Winder, Ga. — 1 crate oranges.

Name unknown — 11 pr. children's stockings.

Church, Twila, Ky. — 3 sport coats, 1 pr. underwear, 5 pr. pants, 1 child's sweater, 6 pr. children's stockings.

Willing Workers, Electra, Tex. — 1 quilt.

Church, Nocatee, Fla. — 1 quilt top, 4 hdkfs., 2 pr. socks, 1 towel, 1 dress, 1 yd. gingham.

Kathleen Bunch, Wallins Creek, Ky. — 1 coat, 1 pr. pants, 1 shirt, (worn).

Name unknown — 1 quilt.

Church, Logan, W. Va. — 5 pr. stockings, 1 pr. socks (new), 1 miss' dress, 1 pr. bloomers, 1 waist, 2 pr. pants, 1 boy's waist (worn), candy and Xmas toys.

Church, Lindale, Ga. — 1 pr. slippers, 32 1-2 yds. cloth, 1 miss' dress, 1 middy suit, 3 pr. children's stockings, 4 pr. socks, 1 can jelly, Xmas gift for Anna.

Church, Murphy, Okla. — 1 quilt.

Mrs. W. B. Davis, Pulaski, Va. — 1

Bible Sanctification

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cleansing He referred to but that of His own will power. We may sanctify ourselves to do most anything we wish to do, but it takes the supernatural power (blood of Jesus) of God to sanctify the heart.

Since thousands of doctrines are dominating in our land today, I feel it of great necessity for our people to lay aside our opinions and take God's Word for our guide and deliverance. And if we are true blue Church of God people, when doctrines arise among us let us not consult some other church or organization or ministers, but let us consult the Church of God. By so doing we can come to the unity of the Spirit and be as Paul exhorted the Corinthian church, that you all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you and that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment.

Six Received The Holy Ghost

NAUGATUCK, W. Va. — I want to report another victory won for God and His church. We just closed a successful revival at Nolan, W. Va. God blessed in a wonderful way. We began the meeting expecting Brother Paul Carpenter of Ohio to come and run it but for some cause Brother Carpenter didn't come and we just fought the battle on and God gave the victory. Brother W. S. Ross from East Lynn, W. Va. preached the last week of the meeting for us. May God bless Brother Ross. He certainly preached the Word and I can truly say I believe Brother Ross is living just as close as he preaches. He made many friends at Nolan. Anyone desiring an evangelist who will preach a four-square gospel and stand for the Church of God will do well to employ Brother Ross.

The meeting ran twenty-eight days. Six were saved, six sanctified, and six received the Holy Ghost. Among this number was one Baptist preacher who had been a hard fighter for several years but he saw the light and God gave him and also his wife the blessing. They are giving us a lot, furnishing some lumber and one hundred and fifteen seats for a church house. A church was set in order by the writer with twelve members and five more to transfer, making a total of seventeen. The meeting closed with a good interest and ten or fifteen were at the altar. We are planning on having our church house built at once. All who read this pray for us and the church at Nolan — A brother in the cause of Christ, Roy Marcum.

God Is Blessing Us Young Folks

PRATT CITY, Ala. — I praise the Lord for the interest the young people are taking in the C. of G. Y. P. E. here and everywhere. Our pastor, Brother W. W. Harmon, has done much for the church here. (Thru encouraging words of him and members I and others have given over to the Lord. Thank God!) He has organized the C. of G. Y. P. E. and it is growing rapidly. Some have come from other churches and received the Holy Ghost. Young people, isn't that encouraging? Every one who will, please pray for us young people at Pratt City that we will not cease to do His will always. Pray for me, that I will meet conditions and receive the Holy Ghost.

The grand thought for a Christian of today is the appearing of their Savior on that wonderful day, To gather His children, all that are true, And take them up in heaven where they'll never feel blue.

Then the thoughts of those that are left without the Holy Ghost. Will be to live truer to the Lord of hosts. By laying aside worldliness and strife And really living in the Word of God unto perfection, then a Martyr's death, then eternal life. — One who loves everyone, Albert Reed, 204 6th Place, Pratt City, Ala.

STILL LOOKING FOR JESUS

WALNUT RIDGE, Ark. — I am trusting the dear Lord for my soul and body. I surely praise the dear Lord for saving my soul. I am a mother of nine children. Six of them have made a start for the dear Lord. That means something. Praise the Lord! There are not many of us saints here but we are still praying that God will send more. We are expecting to have a little meeting conducted by our pastor, Brother Gordon Reed. I want every one to pray that the dear Lord will have His way with the saints at this place and sinners will be saved. It seemed that God was with us Saturday night, Sunday, and Sunday night. He blessed wonderfully. I am praying for more salvation. I love God and want to do more for Him. Please pray that the Lord will have His way with me. Every one remember Sister Lynch. God bless her. — A sister in Christ, Birdie Blazer, Rt. 3, Box 32.

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He Has Healed Me Many Times

I feel impressed this morning to testify thru the Evangel for God's goodness to me. I praise God for saving me when I was only eighteen years old. Later on He sanctified me by His precious blood and baptized me with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost and He still abides. Hallelujah! I am a member of the dear old Church of God and I love her teachings.

I'm glad I learned to trust God for the healing of my body. He has wonderfully healed me many times. He healed me twice of double pneumonia fever. This past August I was taken very sick. The saints would come and pray for me and the Lord would touch my body but I kept getting worse until it seemed I was almost in the jaws of death. But thank God He heard the cries of His children and spared my life for some purpose best known to Himself. My right lower limb was almost paralyzed. I could hardly use it. My body is still afflicted but our God is able to heal all who will trust Him. Thank God!

Sister E. J. Munn and her daughter, Sister Lydia, took me in their home and cared for me during my sickness. They were so kind and good to me. I thank God for a home like this one. I pray God will bless and reward them an hundredfold for their kindness. I thank all the saints for their kindness shown me during my sickness and I ask an interest in all your prayers that God will completely heal me.

As I bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new year, my heart's desire to live closer to God and do more for Him than I have in the past. I ask all to pray for me for I aim to make heaven my home. — Your sister under the blood, Della Marie.

Real Good Times

DRY HARBOUR, Ja. — I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing us here. We are having some real good times here. We visited Prospect District. Elder O. Thomas conducted a meeting. We had a good crowd. He brought forth the Word with great power. The people there never heard of the Church of God and its doctrine. They listened very carefully as the Word was brought forth. We did not gain any souls there but they are calling us back. We are in hope that some souls will be saved there.

We found a sister who was a member of the Church of God. Being far away and alone to herself, it was great joy to her heart when she heard that we were the people standing for the Church of God. Pray for the Church of God at Dry Harbour that it may rise and shine for our blessed Lord. — Your brother in Christ, Eustace Francis, clerk.

Obituaries

NEAL

On Nov. 17, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Sister Katie and Mother Neal and claimed for its victim Brother Ruben Neal. He was born in Jefferson County in 1859. He lived to be seventy-one years, four months, and twelve days of age. He became a member of the Baptist church in his early life. Later on he came to this city, saw the light on holiness which he received and was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the Church of God. He was a faithful and loyal member until he died. He was sick five months and two weeks. He bore his sickness without murmuring or complaining. Jesus was his doctor to the end. He truly died in the faith. We love him but God loved him best. He leaves to mourn his departure a faithful wife, five daughters, one son, two brothers, twelve grandchildren, and a host of friends. The funeral was conducted by his pastor and Elder Chelton. The remains were laid to rest in the New cemetery.—One who loved him, Minnie B. Minus, 1919 Wilder St., Philadelphia, Pa.

WEEKS

On the morning of July 23, 1930 the death angel entered our home and claimed our dear little girl, Ethel Virginia Weeks, age ten years, three months, and sixteen days. She was sick only a few days with a raging fever but she bore her suffering with a smile until death relieved her and her dear little spirit took its flight back to Him who said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Ethel left to mourn her going away a father, mother, one sister, three brothers, one grandmother, and a host of relatives and friends. Ethel was loved by all who knew her and she is greatly missed at home and at school and among her many friends. It was hard to give her up but God knows best and does all things well. We weep not as those who have no hope for we know Ethel is now peacefully at rest. While we deeply feel our loss, we know it's heaven's gain. Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep From which none ever wake to weep; A calm and undisturbed repose Unbroken by the last of foes; Asleep in Jesus far from thee, Thy kindred and thy grave may be But thine is still a blessed sleep From which none ever wake to weep.—Her mother, Etta Weeks, Pax, W. Va.

CULBREATH

On Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 9, 1930, the death angel visited the Culbreath home at West Lake near Jennings, Fla. and claimed for its victim Sister Emma Culbreath after a lingering illness of about nine days. She was a member of the Church of God and a devoted Christian. She was saved, sanctified and had her baptism for a number of years. She leaves two sisters, three brothers and a goodly number of relatives who greatly miss her, but their loss is heaven's gain. Sister Emma was a patient sufferer and died in the faith trusting in God to the end. Her body was laid to rest in the New Hope cemetery to await the resurrection morning when the dead in Christ shall rise first to meet the Lord in the air.

Grave, the guardian of our dust!
Grave, the treasury of the skies!
Every atom of thy trust
Rests in hope again to rise.
Hark! the judgment trumpet calls:
Soul, rebuild thy house of clay,
Immortality thine,
And eternity thy day.
The funeral services were conducted by the writer.—J. A. Self.

COOPER

In memory of my loving sister, Carrie May Cooper, age twenty-two years, who departed this life to be with Jesus Jan. 27, 1930.

Oh, that dear one, how we miss her
But God thought it best,
For He sent an angel down from heaven
And took her home to rest.

Dear children, remember mother,
And don't forget her prayers,
Be ready to go when Jesus comes
To meet her in the air.

Mother has gone to that land of rest
Where no sorrow or pains will lay in
her breast;
Mother is now in her home above,
She left her three children for daddy
to love.

Dear husband, we know you are lonely
Since your dear wife went away,
But if you will live true and faithful,
You will meet her again some day.

Dear father and dear mother,
Dear brothers and sisters and all,
Be ready to meet your loved one
When Jesus comes or calls.

Heaven retains our treasure,
Earth the lonely casket keeps,
And she is with the little sunbeams
That God took before her to keep.
She is gone but not forgotten,
Her smiling face is here no more to see.
In her youth she forgot not her Creator,
later the blood was applied,
the Comforter came, she was an overcomer
and has now gone to inherit all things.
We weep not as those who are left

without hope. Our sadness is turned into joy for we know she is at rest with the happy and blest in heaven where there's never annoy. Her body was laid to rest in the Beach Grove cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. She leaves a father, mother, three sisters, four brothers, three little children, a husband, other relatives and many friends.—Her lonely sister, G. Medford.

SPINK

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spink and took little baby Rollin Earl Spink. He was born on Nov. 16 and passed away Nov. 19. All was done that loving hands could do but God saw best to take this little bud to bloom in heaven. Brother Cook conducted the funeral and interment was made in Red Lodge cemetery.—Mrs. Leslie Cook, Box 231, Joliet, Mont.

ATKINS

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1930, God in His infinite mercy came and claimed for His own our dear friend and loved one, Earl Atkins. Earl was greatly loved by almost everyone who knew him. He was a kind, affectionate, good-hearted boy and was a great friend of the truth. He was sick only a short while and during this time professed faith in Christ. He suffered great pain but Jesus was with him and helped him bear it with all patience and kindness until the last. With a smile he looked relatives and friends in the face and told them not to worry about him for he was ready to go. He leaves to mourn his death a wife, a father and mother, one sister, and many other relatives and friends. He was born Feb. 14, 1908 and was married to Miss Starlie Carson in 1927. He was twenty-two years of age. The funeral services were held at the home of his father by Brother J. H. McKenny and Brother L. A. Atkins. Interment was made in the old Big Ivy Baptist cemetery. A large offering of beautiful flowers were presented by relatives and friends.

Dear Earl, you have from our presence gone,
No words can express our grief;
But we're glad to know that in this hour
Our Savior can give us sweet relief.
—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Starlie Atkins, Barnardville, N. C.

NELSON

Dear ones, I have a mother in a better land than this. The death angel came and took her away inside of thirty minutes after she took sick. She left so quickly she didn't tell me good-bye, but I hope to meet her and greet her over on the golden strand. I'm so glad the Lord has really saved, sanctified and baptized me with the blessed Holy Ghost and fire. Every day the way gets sweeter to me. I'm so glad to do something for the Lord whether it be small or great. Please pray for me that I may stand true and be a faithful worker for Jesus.

IN MEMORY OF MY DEAR MOTHER
Who passed away about two years and three months ago

Thou art gone, my precious mother,
Never more canst thou return;
Thou shalt sleep a peaceful slumber
Till the resurrection morn.

She was too pure for this old world,
Too beautiful to stay,
And so one night about ten o'clock
The death angel took my mother away.

Glory will come to me by and by
When mother's dear face I shall see
In heaven, that country beyond the sky

And forever with her I shall be.—
(Miss) Lois Nelson, % Mrs. Harry Lovern, Box 51, Radford, Va.

COOPER

On Dec. 26, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Mr. R. O. Cooper and wife and claimed their darling baby, Goldie Luenett, age fifteen months. She was sick three weeks with pneumonia. All was done that loving hands could do but God who doeth all things well carried her home to be with Jesus. It was sad to part with her. She was such a loving child. She was a bud on earth to bloom in heaven. Weep not, dear mother and father. Just look to Jesus and be prepared to meet her in heaven where there will be no sad partings. She leaves to mourn her departure a mother, father, one brother, one sister, grandmother, two grandfathers, and other relatives and a host of friends. Her remains were laid in Patren Chapel cemetery to await the resurrection.—Her aunt, Mrs. C. W. Mills, 1925 Eloise Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

CLEMMONS

Sister Martha Clemmons departed this life Dec. 19, 1930. She was a member of the Church of God and died in the faith, trusting God to the end. Her suffering was very great but she bore it patiently. We have the sweet assurance she has gone to be with Jesus.—Church of God, Walkertown, Ky.

WE CAN PRAY MORE

BESSEMER, Ala.—I thank the Lord for victory over sin. I thank Him for a few nights' revival held by Brother H. M. Taylor from Kennedy, Ala. He

God Poured Out His Blessings On The Obedient

LABELLE, Fla.—The Lord has blessed us in many ways this past year in spite of the enemy's darts. We left Florida on Aug. 12 for Missouri. Somehow we felt led to go to this place. On the 15th we arrived without even a flat tire on the whole trip. We found quite a few people here with salvation, but not any Church of God folks at this town of Hayti. Sunday they asked us to run a meeting and wanted to start at once but we had to go on up to the Ozark Mountains for a few days. We promised to start as soon as possible.

We began the meeting the following Thursday night. At first everyone seemed with us but as we preached on a few nights on clean lives and restitutions some dropped away. But God poured out His blessings upon the obedient. Brother Sidney Smedley and wife, Brother W. E. Collins, and Brother B. F. Cooper were with us several nights during the meeting. After six weeks of battling the folks became anxious for a Church of God to be there. We wrote Brother W. J. Milligan, the state overseer, to come down and be with us. He made a great sacrifice, driving practically all night to come. Three sister preachers were with him. We surely enjoyed having them. We set the church in order with fifteen members and three more came in two days later. Five received the Holy Ghost, two were sanctified, and several were saved. Sister Sallie Jones, husband, and I did most of the preaching. There are some real true saints at that place who need your prayers.

Our baby was sick with something like typhoid fever but God wonderfully healed. He also healed me of the same fever. Pray for us to stay humble.—Yours for lost souls, Mrs. Floyd O'Bannon, Box 102, LaBelle, Fla.

Feed My Sheep

QUITMAN, Ark.—I really love to praise His dear name for preachers who will go to new fields and declare the whole counsel. Brother W. V. Johnson set a church in order here at Shady Grove Northeast Dec. 4. Eight members were enrolled and several more are looking this way. One member has received the Holy Ghost and the others are sanctified and looking to the Lord for the full experience. We give the Lord all the praise for a man like Brother Johnson. When he came here to preach there wasn't anyone who knew this wonderful plan of salvation but there were honest hearts who wanted to see and the light was soon revealed to them. Altho' our church is small we are thankful for it and expect it to grow. We ask every praying person to pray that God will manifest His power in such a way that people cannot deny it for I believe we are living in a period of time that it will take the real power of God to make people understand. We all need to get self out of the way so the Lord can use us to His glory. There is a work for every saint to do. When we have done all we can do for the cause of the Lord, just think of the many souls who will be lost.

In Matt. 24:22 Jesus says, "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." It is now time for people to awake and be about their Father's business. We find in Mark 16:15, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Ch. how many poor souls are dying in sin without ever hearing the real Word of God preached to them! We have thousands of bright young boys and girls who have listened to the winds of doctrines, that they can do any way and get to heaven. This is just like the Word of God said it would be. What will happen to those people? The blind will lead the blind and they will all fall in the ditch together.

Ministers of the gospel, are you willing to leave home and go preach the real gospel to some poor hungry souls who are dying in darkness. When Jesus called Peter to feed His sheep He said, "Lovest thou me. I wonder if every minister loves the Lord well enough to forsake all and go feed His sheep. Jesus said in Luke 9:58, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." Let us not think we are any better than the Savior who died for us. Just think if you can hear some poor soul scream in hell and you haven't done all you could have to preach the Word to them. Dear saints, let's all awake and pray as we have never prayed before. I don't know of any place I had rather Jesus find me than on my knees praying for some lost soul, or in His service doing what little I can to help carry on His blessed work. Pray much

did some good preaching. The Lord surely blessed. I can think of nothing better than to know the Son of man was in our midst. This isn't the only time the Son of God has come among His people here. I have felt Him come near me and a wave of glory would thrill my soul thru and thru. Saints, wake up and let's try to help. If we can't help much in the financial affairs, we can live the life and pray more. The harvest is ripe and who will go and work today. Many precious souls are drifting out into eternity lost without God. Just ask God to help. I covet your prayers.—Alma Curran.

Faith Without Works Is Dead

PARIS, Tex.—I feel impressed to write and tell of the good work the Willing Workers of Paris are doing.

1 Chr. 29:5 asks this question, "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" We find in the same chapter how David asked the children of Israel for gold and silver for the building materials for Solomon's temple. They became willing to work and be of service to God as they entered the task of building God a house.

We find in 1st and 2nd Chronicles how they consecrated their service and that so willingly that when they had completed the building the glory of the Lord filled the house of God. I believe all the children of Israel were willing workers.

Every church member should be a willing worker. If we are not willing to work in and for the Church of God there is not very much service on our part. We find many who seem slow of heart to do things in many places. I do not believe Church of God members should be slothful but up and doing. I often hear a saint say, I want to work for the Lord, and at the same time he is not doing the things at hand and working at the job the Lord has for him. If we all cannot preach, that is no reason for sitting down on the job. There is much to be done in the house of God besides preaching.

Here at Paris we have a band of Willing Workers, doing all the good they can. They make quilts, candy, and many other things which are easily sold and the proceeds of all this goes to improve the church and parsonage or supply the things lacking in the way of furniture, bedding, etc. Our apartment here is in the church building. When we came we found many things that needed to be done. We needed three windows as the rooms were very dark. Next, the furniture was all run down. I began to wonder if something could not be done. I mentioned it to someone. They said, We have a Willing Workers band that is going to take care of that. Here came the Y. P. E. and said they would help. We have the windows in, a new bed made, and they are not stopping here but mean to finish everything that is lacking by the end of the assembly year. Come on, Church of God members, and let's be willing workers. I am sure we can all find plenty to do in the great house of God. "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:18. Faith without works is dead.—Mrs. W. G. Webb, 10 S. 12th St.

DO NOT INTEND TO COMPROMISE

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ill.—God has visited Lawrenceville with a wave of salvation that we believe will tell in eternity. On Sunday morning, Nov. 23, God helped us to preach His blessed truth. Three made their way to the altar. Two of them were baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. The revival was on, we continued with the meeting for four weeks, closing Dec. 21. While the enemy was stirred and tried to hinder in different ways, yet the Holy Ghost was present in every service and gave us the victory. On Saturday night before we closed we partook of the Lord's supper and feet washing. God especially blessed on this sacred occasion. We observed one thing especially in this blessed ordinance and that was the sincerity of the saints. Thank God for these searching times. We need more of them.

My wife did most of the preaching. God enabling her to preach with love and power. Nineteen were saved, sixteen sanctified, and fifteen were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Some of these were members of the church who had gone back on God, but of the others who were saved, only four have united with the church as yet but we are expecting more to come in.

By the help of Almighty God we do not aim to compromise on one word of God's eternal truth to gain a large membership. The way is straight and narrow and few will accept it. We are persuaded today that God will send Jesus back to this earth to gather together a tried people who are willing to bear the reproach, keep the faith, and endure to the end. God give us preachers who will not shun to declare the whole counsel of God, watchmen upon the way who will not remove the ancient landmarks and will warn men and women of their danger without fear or favor. Pray for us at Lawrenceville.—Your humble servant, Elmer E. Black.

God Has Blessed Our Feeble Efforts

FITZGERALD, Ga.—I praise God for what He is to me. I really praise Him for ever giving me the Holy Ghost and adding me to the Church of God. I love God's church and want to hold up the standard.

I praise God for giving us this work. He placed us over this district and by His help we want to do everything we can to build up this work. We know God is a just God and every one of us will receive our reward at the end of the way.

For the church at this place and that God will give some member a gift that His great power will be manifested at this place.—A sister in Christ and for His service, Mrs. Lula Milam.

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I HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO DO

At this time I count it a pleasure to write a few words to express my appreciation and praise unto the Lord for His many blessings unto me. I came to the Assembly with no intention whatsoever of staying for school. But since the Lord has wonderfully impressed it on my heart and also provided a way whereby I could stay, I have nothing else to do but give Him the glory for it all. There is a great deal that could be said about our teachers always being on the job with a smile, an encouraging word, or beneficial instruction which will no doubt prove a blessing in future life.—Yours as a student, Glyndon Logsdon, West Middletown, Ohio.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Text, Matt. 24:3.

Now we all know Christ taught His disciples of His going away and coming again. The disciples talked among themselves, saying to one another, When do you reckon this will take place? wonder if we will know about the time it will be? I can imagine I hear them talking. After awhile they go to Jesus and ask Him for some signs of His return and of the end of the world. Jesus gave them some religious signs. He said there would be false Christs, Matt. 24:5. We can plainly see that it has been fulfilled.

Paul said there would be a time of falling away (many backsliding). "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first." 2 Thess. 2:3. Let us think it not strange when we see these things happening because it is only an index finger pointing to the coming of the Son of man.

We have noticed some religious signs, now let us notice some literal signs. He said there would be wars and commotion, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet." Matt. 24:6. Jesus said these things must come to pass, so let us not be troubled but just look to Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith. Let's press the battle on because we won't have but a few more days to fight the enemy, then Jesus will say, It is enough, come up higher. Well glory! I get to the place where Paul was one time, Even so, Lord, come now. Are you ready? If not, you had better get ready.

We notice the smaller wars were not to be the last. There was the World War which was spoken of in Luke 21:10, for nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. After the prophecy of the World War He did not say then the end would be. The end was not yet which implies that it was one of the last signs and it has already been fulfilled.

I tell you we are living in the last days. Jesus tells us in Luke 21:11 of earthquakes, pestilences, and fearful sights. Before Christ it is said there was one earthquake every hundred years, now they are oftener. You can scarcely pick up a newspaper without seeing where there was an earthquake and that it killed so many people. Think it not strange when you hear of all this, because these things must come to pass. He said there would be fearful sights. Oh this panic stricken age and the financial depression is so great it seems as if we are up against it and can't do anything. It causes fear to creep over us, but let us fight it out. We will receive our reward in heaven because He said He was going away and prepare mansions for us then would come again and receive us unto Himself and that where He is we may be also.

We see the day in which we live is plainly marked. The Bible is the only director we have so let's take it for our guide. Let us watch for we know not the day nor the hour He shall come. Blessed is that servant whom the Lord when He cometh finds so doing. Let's watch and pray, beloved, so when He comes we can ascend with a

God has wonderfully blessed our feeble efforts here. We have only been pastoring the church about a month

and a half. Twenty-six have received the Holy Ghost, nineteen have been added to the church. Messages have been given and interpreted, fire handled, piano played under the power, demons cast out, sick healed. We are expecting great things. Pray for us to continue to let God have His way and pray for Fitzgerald, Pineview, and Broxton churches as we are endeavoring to pastor them.—Your brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Cobb Dennard, 811 N. Grant St.

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STRIVE TO ENTER THE GATE

"Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." Luke 13:24. For another scripture reading we have Matt. 7:13, 14, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

How deeply this text has impressed itself upon my mind. I have been considering it and turning it over in my mind. Just what do the words mean? This first verse has been termed the answer to "an idle question." As to the seriousness of the Pharisee we have no record, but we do know Jesus addressed His answer to the crowd. The Pharisee may have been a man of curiosity or he may have been really interested. We do know that Jesus did not address His answer directly to him.

Webster tells us the word strive means to put forth an effort, to battle as against temptation. This strait way is a striving way. It takes battling against temptation. It is an agonizing way. It takes agonizing before God. The crown is only promised to the overcomer.

Notice Jesus says, Strive to enter. The definition of the word strait is a narrow passage. Oh how fully this describes the way of holiness! The strait way means narrow way, the way that is looked down upon, the persecuted way, the despised way. Oh I feel like today I am in the King's highway, that it is a blood bought way, the way that is sprinkled all over with my Savior's blood from His pierced side. Isaiah 35:8 says, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness."

This could very well apply to the way Jesus spoke of to the crowd there. The Pharisee asked, Lord, are there few that be saved? Jesus saith unto them, Strive to enter in.

We have some people today who go all around the brink of salvation but never find the real thing. They're ever learning but never coming to the truth. This strait gate was too narrow for the flowing robes of the Pharisee. There is but one way. Others may try to invent other ways, but there is but one way. The gate is not too high for the sinner that will strive to enter. People who inquire all about this salvation but never get it remind me of the man who stands at the brink of the river. He asks as to the depths of the water, if anyone has ever got across safely to the other side. He notices the beautiful colors in the stream, jots all these down in his notebook, puts these in his pocket and walks away seemingly satisfied. Oh the sad deplorable condition of many who will seek to enter in that day and cannot for the day of mercy is over and the books are closed.

If we do not warn people of the day that is coming, we are not doing our duty. Oh the millions who are dying each year without a Christ. We Christians are too likely to enter into a form of religion. I believe that this great message from our Lord was a warning against formalism. We are too likely to get into a form of doing things. From the beginning of time men have liked a form of doing things. A certain amount of form is needed in spiritual things, but when we get to the place where we think more of the road than of the One who paved it with salvation we begin to descend in our Christian experience. When we get our eyes on the cross instead of the One who bore it we begin to descend in our Christian experience. The message of the saved today should be, Strive to enter in, for I tell you in these last days we need to strive that we may enter in.—Dixie Greenwood, Asheville, N. C.

shout, with a voice of archangels, with the trumpet of God sounding in the sky. Please pray for me.—Your little brother in the Lord's service, Owl Denson, Arley, Ala.

Five Saved

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Brother B. O. Rosenbaum was with us here in a meeting. Five were saved and some of the believers were revived and some were healed. One lady was sent home to die. She sent for us to come and pray for her and the Lord healed her. She got out of bed and we had prayer meeting there twice in one week. One was healed of a sore chest of three years' standing. One was healed of stiff joints. Much good was done here.—A. R. Martin, pastor.

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